

# ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY BOARD

## MINUTES

NOVEMBER 16, 2006

Members Present:     Teresa Rundell             Anita Huntley  
                               Doug Rudick             Natasha Behner  
                               Dennis Boepple         Guest: Susan Hawksworth

Staff Present: Steve Snyder, Byron Erickson

Members Absent: McDowell (Mac) Steele, Mike Weaver, Phyllis Anderson, Marjan Cohan, Randall Pedersen

Teresa Rundell called the meeting to order at 4:05 p. m.

### **I. PUBLIC COMMENT**             None

### **II. GENERAL**

A. **Approval of August 17, 2006 Minutes:** Anita Huntley moved to approve; Dennis Boepple second. The minutes of August 17, 2006 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

Dickinson Theatre – Listening devices, discussion regarding response from Mr. Gage's correspondence. General Manager responded and said listening devices are available. Board members are encouraged to confirm and check.

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Smoky Hill Museum Facility Accessibility Improvements Priority Update:** Handout of a synopsis of Accessibility Improvements Priority Update. Byron Erikson reviewed each point and discussed. Regarding handrails around building – Seeking guidance regarding move to extension/ and height. Board recommends move to height requirements on the front entrance ramp and do not extend the front entrance steps or the west entrance. Continued discussion. Regarding the west stairway handrail: Board agrees that with the elevator immediately available no action is needed regarding changing the rails. Board recognizes the damages these changes would incur could not be repaired easily. Continued discussion and update. (Anita had to leave early) Board members show appreciation to staff for their dedication and moving forward on all of the improvements, as well as keeping us up to date.
- B. **Transportation Funding Update:** OCCK requested funding dollars from city taxes (80/20 match for 4 vehicles) for capital budget. Scheduled to go before commission before the end of the year.
- C. **Spangles Accessibility Update:** All board members received copy of correspondence regarding Spangles. With their changing staff and manager(s) the simplest way to train would be to put an insert in the training manual. "He suggested that he would get an insert made for their training manual about how they would deal with special needs customers..." **Board would like to have copy of insert.** Board members are suggested to go visit and check on the guidelines. Board stance is still that these barriers should be removed. Strongly suggested on going training for staff.

D. **Other Business:** Discussion regarding hearing devices for museum. Susan said there are hearing devices available. Previous discussions have been about looking into adding an audio tour. However, it is rather expensive.

Meetings for 2007:

February 16 @ 4 p.m.

May 17 @ 4 p.m.

August 16 @ 4 p.m.

November 15 @ 4 p.m.

Moved to adjourn by Teresa Rundell; Dennis Boepple second.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Continue to update board on:

- A. Complete Access Systems Report on Smoky Hill Museum Facility
- B. Transportation issue in community regarding agency collaboration and services provided
- C. Accessibility of Spangles

Item(s) not covered from previous meeting(s) to be placed on next agenda:

- A. Staff to research ADA guideline websites and propose adding to City website
- B. Clarify Ramp Program and activity of program in 2005/06
- C. Review lack of accessibility ramp on southwest corner of Iron and Santa Fe and report